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THE RIDER

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These are the types of questions the School of Rehabilitation Services and Counseling is helping to answer by focusing on behavioral changes.

James Prochaska
THE RIDER

On Thursday, the Distinguished Speaker Series hosted by the School of Rehabilitation and Counseling welcomes James Prochaska, one of the three most pre-eminent clinical psychologists in the world, to the UTRGV Edinburg campus to speak about behavioral change and his work as one of the most influential authors in psychology.

The Distinguished Speaker Series will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the International Room of the International Trade and Technology Building on the Edinburg campus. The reception will begin at 6:30 p.m., Prochaska is scheduled to start his presentation at 7 p.m., and refreshments will be provided at 8 p.m. The event is by invitation only.

Prochaska’s area of work in behavioral change and the Transtheoretical Model focuses on confronting addiction and substance abuse issues by changing behavior to resolve the problem. He is a professor of clinical health psychology at the University of Rhode Island, in addition to his role as the director of the Cancer Prevention Research Center. He is also the first psychologist to win a Medal of Honor for clinical research from the American Cancer Society.

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School of Music clears issues

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Sound of Music

The School of Music clears issues on behavioral changes.

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Andrea Torres
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Commuting to class can be one of the many challenges students face every day. For Monica Garza, this would be more of a hassle if UTRGV were to move its music program to the Edinburg campus.

Garza was among the more than 60 students and faculty who attended a College of Fine Arts meeting last month to talk about students’ concerns, including a rumor that the program was moving to the Edinburg campus.

“I asked the question of, “What if I live in Matamoros and I have to go to Edinburg to take my classes?” the music sophomore said. “What if my classes start at 9:25 or 8 a.m.? At what time do you think I’m going to get up to go the bridge and cross on bike and then go to the bus station?”

Steven Block, dean of the College of Fine Arts, and Kurt Martinez, interim director of the School of Music, listened to the concerns of faculty and students. The program is composed of 420 students, including a rumor that the program was moving to the Edinburg campus.

“The meeting came about because there were several students, and maybe faculty also, that for some reason or another, they felt like the music in the Brownsville campus was not going to exist anymore, but that is the furthest thing from the truth,” Martinez said.

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#keep17amplified battle continues

McAllen residents seek compromise on ban of outdoor, all-ages shows downtown

Marissa Rodriguez
THE RIDER

In the early morning light, Carton Vela sat rocking his newborn daughter back to sleep while writing a Facebook post that has since gone viral. The post, a tag that now has more than 1,000 people talking about the importance of protecting the Rio Grande Valley music scene.

Vela has produced music with hundreds of RGV artists and is co-directing a documentary about the history of local music culture titled “As I Walk through the Valley” with Ronnie Garza.

On May 23, the McAllen City Commission voted to ban all amplified outdoor music and anyone under age 21 from the 17th Street Entertainment and Cultural Overlay District, citing several reasons for its necessity.

The fight for creativity.

An online petition written by McAllen resident Andres Sanchez that asks the city to reconsider its decisions sprang up shortly on social media after news of the ordinance spread, and received over 2,000 signatures in less than 24 hours.

District 5 City Commissioner John Ingram told a local TV station he received numerous complaints about the noise from neighboring residents, which was the main reason he pushed McAllen trio Sick/Sea performs on the outdoor stage of music for the venue Yerba Buena in downtown McAllen.

He told a local newspaper he is willing to make changes to the ordinance, along with several members of the city commission.

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May 20

7:35 p.m.: University Police assisted City of Edinburg police in arresting a student who allegedly assaulted another student in parking Lot C. The victim reported the student knocked him to the ground because the victim was known to drive a suspicious vehicle and threaten people in the area.

May 22

4:49 a.m.: University Police stopped a suspicious vehicle leaving The Village athletic facilities. The operator, a non-affiliated male, told conflicting stories about why he was on campus.

May 31

3:34 a.m.: A local student came forward and reported his bike had been stolen. In interviewing the suspect, it was learned he was in the country illegally and a member of a Mexican prison gang. Two days after the incident, another student came forward and reported his bicycle was stolen during the incident. The detective obtained an arrest warrant for theft, a class B misdemeanor in Texas. The suspect was arraigned in the Edinburg Municipal Court and received a $3,000 cash-surety bond. He was returned to the Hidalgo County Jail.

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Among those in the meeting was music Professor Michael Quanz from the Brownsville campus.

Quanz said he knew that, if UT RGV Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs] Havídan Rodriguez was given the go-ahead to move things forward, he would be moving to the Edinburg campus.

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**POLICE REPORTS**

The following are among the incidents reported to University Police between May 20 and June 2.

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The fight for creativity

Monica Gudíño
THE RIDER

Fourteen professors, students and former students in the UTRGV Physics department are among 1,015 people recognized with a $3 million Special Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics.

The Special Breakthrough Prize is an award from the Charles Darwin Foundation in recognition of an extraordinary scientific achievement.

"Gravitational waves were predicted by Albert Einstein’s theory of relativity. Their existence was demonstrated in the 1960s, but not until the last observation of the waves themselves occurred last September.

The discovery was made by the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO), which was built to search and detect gravitational waves. The waves consist of ripples that carry information about their source, including rock 'n' roll, punk and indie.

"We wanted this space to sort of

Ann Gallagher
THE RIDER

When very massive objects in the universe move around each other, "... that impose a curfew."

One owner, Patrick Garcia, has been host family oriented shows for

The School of Music also has five faculty
determinations within the next week or

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To work out a compromise—what the compromise is depends on how much strength we can have in numbers. We respect the community and people who live close by the venue tremendously, so we are proposing to take on similar ordinances that other cities have taken on. We're going to fight for that.

Another ordinance that is not being enforced is the age limit. Several other venues downtown allow all ages and have been hosting family oriented shows for the last five to six years.

"We really disagree with that because we think that's going to directly cripple accessibility that young people have to creative outlets like music," Garcia said. "We're totally opposed to that and ... a lot of people that are for the 21 age limit because that people are getting drunk and getting into car accidents, but there really is no proof that suggests that that's coming out of downtown. And even if that is coming from downtown, then there's nothing to suggest that certain venues aren't taking precautions already. We've been [promoting] shows all my life. We're not going to stop. We're going to figure it out.

Today's city commission meeting will take place at 4 p.m. at City Hall.

Ena Capuchon
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THE MUSIC BAN

McAllen Mayor Jim Darling signed off on several downtown-enforced ordinances pertaining to outdoor music and a 21-year-old age limit, Garcia said.

"The students' voices should be

Artemiy Bogdanovsky, a UTRGV doctoral student in physics, stands next to the triangular ring resonator experiment setup June 6 at the Optics & Nanophotonics Lab.

By observing and discovering the existence of gravitational waves, it's a lot of a black hole event since whiskey gives rise to a type of force that can be experienced by a different way, much more than the

Besides Creighton, Quetschke and Rakhmanov, members of the UTRGV Physics department who made contributions as co-authors of the scientific paper "Observations of Gravitational Waves from a Binary Black Hole Merger" and who will share the prize are Professors Mario Diaz, Soma Mukherjee and Joe Romano; Research Associate Professor Joey Key; former graduate students Pablo Davelos and Sean Morris; UTRGV-UT San Antonio Medical School students Marc Normandin, Robert Stone, Darkhan Tuyenbayev and Guillermo Valdes. The late Stephen Hawking is also listed among the award recipients.

"It's amazing (and) a dream come true," Garcia said. "I could tell you that I'm one of the most passionate people so... having a venue refers to that dedication. It feels really good to validate... in that sense. It doesn't feel like work, I can tell you that much. A lot of people come into the scene... lose money and quit. For me, it's a labor of love... whether it makes money or not. I'm also juggling a full-time job and it isn't really like work. Some people tell me that I have two jobs, but I say, 'No, I have a job and I have a side project.'"

"The fun part about these new developments is we don't know what we are going to see because it's completely

"You want to protect this space to sort of

A lot of the classes that I needed were only being offered in Edinburg or they were just not being offered at all," Zendejas said. "I have two jobs down here. There's literally, like, no travel time for me. I, like, barely have time to do my homework."

"What I tell students is, 'If there is a class

The prize money will be shared between the three founders of LIGO: Ronald W. P. Drever, Kip S. Thorne and Rainer Weiss, who will each equally share $1 million; and 1,012 contributors to the experiment, who will each equally share $2 million.

This discovery not only opens a door to the world of physics, but it gives great opportunities for students here at UTRGV because they can be part of the

"The students' voices should be heard," he said. "They will have student representatives they can go to. ... I

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**Campus Q & A**

**What are UTRGV’s strengths and weaknesses?**

“One of the strengths that I really like is the academic plan for all the majors. Personally, I can give my opinion on exercise science and that they offer, you know, courses to prepare you for future careers or future paths you want to take, like, OT, PT or any other minors or majors you want to take. And the weakness is that I don’t really know what you would go and ask for it. They don’t provide it. There’s no like organization or student organization that gives you the information or go up to you with that information you need.”

**Gabriela Soto**

Exercise science senior

“I’m thinking that the different courses that students need to take and that they have to go to the other campus to be able to complete it and that’s a weakness. And some strengths, that the university is organized and have plenty of organizations and services you, I don’t know, maybe want to enroll in any way, anything you want.”

**Isac Lambardi**

Engineering technology junior

“Well I don’t know for a fact, but maybe none of the people that graduate do anything worth writing about or worth talking about. Why does everybody from MIT or why is that school prestigious? I guess because a lot of people go there and they go on to do other stuff. That would be one of my weaknesses. The strength lies in the professors and teachers. I had a math professor once that was very good. He wanted people to learn and everything. Commitment is one of the strengths of this place.”

**James Atwood**

English junior

“I was thinking that the universidades is the organization, as some maestros in verdad se preocupan por los estudiantes y tratan como buenos las mejor. Creo que hay muchas cosas como Career [Center] que estan muy bien para que la experiencia sea mucha más fácil. Pero, algo malo es que no están muy promocionadas o las venemos como un hecho que no cambiamos. Entonces muchas veces no sabemos o no nos informan nadie. Yo pienso que será mejor de cuando viene la orientación en verdad, como inquéntese de esa cosas que te informen de las cosas que en verdad importan como Career [Center] y que se nos dijo que si en verdad te ayuda”.

**Estefania Fernandez**

Estudiante de servicios de rehabilitación y consejería de tercer año

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**Letter to the Editor**

**Praising ‘Le Petit Prince’ production**

The classic of French literature, “Le Petit Prince,” was presented as a dramatization in French on May 7 and 8 in the Texas Southmost College Arts Center. This remarkable event was prepared as a course project by Professor Suzanne LaLonde with the participation of her spring semester French Theater students as actors, production assistants, costume and stage-set designers, and handlers of the complex activities that a public event requires.

LaLonde wrote the libretto extracted from the famous novel, a task made possible by her familiarity with the text by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry published in 1943. To be present in Brownsville at a performance of a theater piece in the original French language was a distinct privilege. The true measure of the accomplishment becomes evident when one realizes that the actors are third-year undergraduate students who are in the French minor and major programs.

Among the 11 students who performed, the various roles of the play, one cannot fail to mention, as a case apart, Rebeca Salomón, le petit prince. She was the central figure to whom the various character types converged. Each of them would find wisdom in the questions and the comments of the innocent child so well performed by Salomón. While a great deal of intelligence, work and determination had to go into the memorization of the text in a language being learned and not yet familiar for improvisation, it was really impressive to see and hear Salomón deliver her succession of parts flawlessly, confidently and clearly, as she did.

The other lead actors—Francisco Arredondo (the aviator and narrator), Berenice Saenz (the fox) and Yolanda Villalobos Renteria (the rose)—complemented Salomón’s role by performing with emotion and provoking emotions through music and visual props. Other student actors included Sarai Madrigal (the geologist and the queen), Maria Fernandez Gonzalez (the vain woman), Mariana Arredondo (the drunk), Marisol Cortez (the businesswoman and the flower), Claudia Ramirez (the lamplighter), Mary Morgan (the snake) and Dania Ruiz (a rose).

Aside from his literary genius, Saint-Exupéry is remembered as an aviation

**In 2016, nothing expresses the complicated feelings that come with the whirlwind of this election quite like a picture of a teary-eyed Chihuahua.**

Marissa Rodriguez

THE RIDER

Presidential election was a whirlwind of emotions that we have running around in our heads at any time and make it funny. Our cultural consciousness on media, entertainment, justice and politics are defined by trending hashtags and the endless GIFs and running jokes that come with them. Rather than being written off as cheap humor, youth culture with all of its boundless creativity and good fun has become the cornerstone of social media. Memes are a force that several campaigns have suffered from and they tried to capitalize off of. Only millennials could turn a pun as bad as #FeelTheBern into a phenomenon. A large part of the public perception is now defined by social media and politicians are often subject to criticism and ridicule. But more frequently, these memes and trending hashtags feel public discourse is driven by marginalized communities in a way that would not ordinarily be explored in mainstream media.

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**Take your border fence, Trump!**

U.S. V. Border Fence

Rachel Vogel

**Monday, June 13, 2016**

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The Rider could not reach Ingram for comment.

McAllen City Public Information Interim Director Roy Cantu posted on Facebook May 28 that any ordinance changes that were approved on May 23 by the city commission are not in effect until the the establishment’s permit expires.

In his Facebook post, Vela argues that in not first considering a compromise, the city commission is “keen to stamp out pockets of positive cultural growth,” and public support for these venues is vital to their survival.

“The last 30 years, the greatest periods of growth in youth culture, and by extension Valley culture, have been when these artists have places that welcome them,” he said. “As a community, we should be encouraging their expression somehow we can continue to enjoy the vibrant culture they’ll inspire.”

The ordinance will be considered again during today’s city commission meeting.

“Without diminishing the full force and credit of the ordinance ... in my capacity as the presiding officer of the May 23 meeting, it is my opinion that the language of the ordinance does not accurately reflect the intentions and desires of the McAllen City Commission with respect to its intended application to the economic and cultural overlay districts,” Darling stated in an “Executive Signing Declaration” attached to the new ordinance, according to a May 31 news release from the city.

The declaration further states that Darling is instructing staff to place this item on the agenda for today’s city commission meeting for clarification and reconsideration.

“Furthermore, I am requesting staff to abstain from implementing or enforcing any changes under the ordinance until the city commission has the opportunity to provide further guidance,” Darling said.

Vela and several other concerned members of the outdoor music community have many questions for them. They have petitioned the city through the Freedom of Information Act to acquire records regarding the neighborhoods most affected by the noise to see how sound travels and if monitoring decibel levels will provide a sufficient solution.

“I’m strongly in favor of gathering data about decibel levels because for all we know, the disturbance is isolated to one particular block of the downtown district,” Vela said. “The city claims that enforcement is difficult, but has failed to demonstrate why. This is a growing pain all cities have, and McAllen is in a position to benefit from the body of knowledge accumulated by these other cities and be a shining example of governing done right.”

Cities such as Austin and New Orleans, with thriving entertainment districts surrounded by residential areas, have successfully managed to control noise and facilitate compromise between entertainment venues and neighboring locals, Vela said. He hopes that through these efforts they can better reach a compromise that satisfies the city and does not hurt live music venues.

Patrick Garcia, the owner of Yerberia Cultura, an all-ages cultural arts venue that was recently credited in an issue of Texas Monthly for “giving kids in the Rio Grande Valley a voice,” feels that prohibiting outdoor amplification, and especially the 21-and-over rule, that prohibiting outdoor amplification, could hurt his business.

“I’m strongly in favor of gathering data about decibel levels because for all we know, the disturbance is isolated to the literal space or the resources to make a legiti music venue. … People of all ages come here for shows, specifically. An all-ages ban would deny young people the opportunity to perform and to experience music they’ll inspire. …”

Garcia credits the city’s initial unwillingness to compromise to its overall drive for bigger, more commercial endeavors rather than cultivating cultural, artistic business opportunities.

“There are places like us, and Cine El Rey, who have gotten national recognition for the city of McAllen, but then you have a dump of city leaders who seem out of touch [with the good we’re doing],” Garcia said. “[These city officials] orchestrated millions of dollars in tax incentives for a chain restaurant called Dave & Buster’s, when Main Event is down the street—in Pharr, … It’s just tough to trust certain city leadership at the moment considering the record some have cultivated.”

The outdoor music community urges people to show their support by showing up to McAllen City Hall at 4 p.m. today or by emailing Mayor Darling and others who voted in favor of the ordinance—City Commissioners John Ingram, Aida Ramirez and Hilda Salinas—to compel them to factor compromise into their decision.

**LETTTER CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4**

pioneer. He, and his colleague and friend Henri Guillaumet, extended the reach of airmail service to the remote Andes of Argentina and Chile. They were the airmen of Aeropostale. From the ashes of Aeropostale would eventually rise Air France, the emblematic airline of France. In Buenos Aires, Saint-Exupéry met Consuelo Suncin, a Salvadoran woman, who married, and who preserved his literary legacy after his death in 1944. While serving in the resistance to the German occupation of France, he crushed his plane into the sands of the Sahara desert. His work still captivates and lives on, however, in the hearts of many as made manifest in the thoughtful staged production of "The Little Prince" at UTRGV.

Lara Rodriguez Brownsville resident

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The Rider
Nathaniel Mata  
**SPORTS EDITOR**

The prospect of a football program went from a strong desire to a possibility this February. With the announcement of a feasibility study of a football team at UTRGV, the wheels began to spin.

The biggest name on the feasibility study committee is Mack Brown, former coach of the University of Texas Longhorns, who is a special adviser to the UT System. He has visited the Rio Grande Valley at least once to meet with UTRGV President Guy Gayle, Athletics Director Chris King and members of the feasibility committee.

The feasibility study committee is composed of prominent community figures such as developer Alonzo Cantu, builder of the Doctors Hospital at Renaissance and the RGV Toros' home stadium, and Bob Noyes, CEO of Bert Ogden Auto Group. The committee also includes individuals with ties to university, such as student-athlete Lew Stallworth, known for his 100-meter hurdles performances.

The consultant and team will do a bulk of the work in terms of providing monetary estimates based on the startup costs of football at programs across the country.

"The good news is that there have been a number of programs that have taken this step," said Luck, the former West Virginia University and Houston Oilers quarterback. "I think there will be plenty of data to make a solid decision. The consultant and team will do a bulk of the work in looking at other universities in all various divisions and conferences, all the issues that need to get sorted out so that there's good information to make a good decision."

Brown and Oliver Luck, the UTRGV Athletic Director, and economics Professor Alberto Avila, said Brown, who chairs the committee, and special advisers spearhead the group with other members providing support if it looks like football has a chance to move forward.

### Vaqueros, Toros build unique bond

Bryan Ramos  
**THE RIDER**

The bright lights of the UTRGV Soccer Complex are beaming, the stands are full of roaring, flag-waving fans, and tables border the sideline of the soccer field to provide extra seating.

It's another home game for the RGV FC Toros, the first-year United Soccer League Premier Division team. The inaugural game was against FC Houston United Saturday night at the UTRGV Soccer Complex.

The final score at the end of the first half was 0-0, but in the second half, Toros Midfielder Emilio Garcia scored on a header to win the game. The Toros won 1-0.

### Decision on football months away

"These guys know what they are doing, they're organized," Brown said. "They want it to be great for the university, with the growth they want it to be great for the Valley. I don't think you'll see anything that's no first class out of them. If they decide to move forward with football at one point, it will be a first-class program."

"The good thing right now is it's in such early stages they don't have to worry about, 'Is it next year, is it five years, is it at all?' That's all ahead of the committee and the feasibility study to make sure they're doing it right," the current ESPN and ABC college football analyst said.

The idea of a football team at UTRGV has generated excitement among the community and student body along with serious concerns. King explained that this study may not come to the conclusion that football is feasible over the next five to 10 years. While growth was a major theme from Luck and Brown's visit, King maintained that growth must meet strategic goals.

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The Toros home stadium was initially supposed to be ready for play on June 22, but that could be a long shot considering the expanded additions under construction in the stadium to provide more seating, suites and locker rooms are not yet completed. With the four-game rental agreement of the UTRGV Soccer Complex set to end to give the field recovery time before the university soccer teams begin their season, the Toros might have to look elsewhere for a home stadium until theirs is ready.

Toros Head Coach Wilmer Caldera, who played for the Colombian national soccer team in the 1998 FIFA World Cup, talked about the experiences of a first-year soccer franchise.

"I'm not sure if we're going to get to play in our stadium this year, but it's been a huge benefit having UTRGV to have this relationship with," said Caldera, who coached Chivas USA in Major League Soccer in 2014. "Soccer is important to this region of the country and I think that's why we've had a great show of support from the fans, so far, in our first year, and we hope it continues."

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Summer camps in the Valley

Children practice during a violin session last Wednesday at the Art & Music Summer Camp in the Brownsville Museum of Fine Art. The 10 one-week sessions continue through Aug. 12 for children ages 6 to 15. Besides violin and guitar, the camp offers piano and art classes. For more information, call 542-0941.

Guitar instructor Hugo Aranda guides his group of students last Wednesday during a session at the Art & Music Summer Camp in the Brownsville Museum of Fine Art.

Summer Youth Camp participants are shown in volleyball class last Tuesday at the UTRGV Wellness and Recreational Sports Complex in Edinburg. Assistant Director Art Cabrera believes the activities and inclusivity keeps the children wanting to come back the next summer. There are a total of four sessions in the summer averaging more than 500 campers per year.

Summer Youth Camp participants walk on balance beams during the Fit Kids class held last Tuesday at the UTRGV Wellness and Recreational Sports Complex in Edinburg.

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or it may be one of the major initiatives in the back end of the decade.”
King said his role includes handling an exciting possibility and still remembering to be cautious when the study wraps up in the fall.
“They may say, ‘Let’s do it,’ but I know there are some major strategic goals we still have with our other 16 sports,” King said. “Football is a big big deal on major college campuses and there’s a lot of good reasons for it. But, at the end of the day, not done right, it can become a massive drain to the university.”
The study is projected to end in the fall and sometime in October, November or December may be the time the public finds out the fate of college football at UTRGV.

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The Toros played their final home game against OKC Energy FC last Saturday at the UTRGV Soccer Complex. Results were not available at press time. Their next scheduled home game is June 22 versus Arizona United SC, yet it is not clear where they will play as their rental agreement with UTRGV will have ended.

For information on the RGV FC Toros future schedule and plans, visit RGVFC.com.
UTRGV soccer will kick off in the dog days of summer when the women’s soccer team begins its practice Aug. 4 and the men begin theirs on Aug. 11. The Vaqueros will officially begin their season when the men’s team hosts a home friendly at 7 p.m. Aug. 17 against the St. Edward’s University Hilltoppers, while the women’s home opener is at 7 p.m. Aug. 19 against the Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Islanders. Keep up with all UTRGV athletics by visiting GoUTRGV.com.

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